

Southwest Resources Advisory Council  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 26, 2009  
Doubletree Inn  
743 Horizon Drive  
Grand Junction, CO 81506

**ATTENDEES**

**Resource Advisory Council Members**

Nik Kendzierski, Category 2	Gerald Koppenhafer, Category 3
Andrew Gulliford, Category 2	Dan Morse, Category 2
Andrea Robinsong, Category 2	Al Heaton, Category 1
Kathy Welt, Category 1	Jim Cochran, Category 3
Ken Emory, Category 1	William Ela, Category 3
Jevin Croteau, Category 1	

Not Present: Alan Staehle, Category 3; Tony Gurzick, Category 3; Wally White, Category 2; Jim Young, Category 1.

**BLM/FS Staff**

Jamie Sellar-Baker	Barb Sharrow
Bill Dunkelberger	

**Visitors**

	<b>Representing</b>	<b>City/Town</b>
John Whitney	Congressman Salazar	Durango

The Southwest Resource Advisory Council met for a short meeting following the Statewide BLM Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting. The meeting was rather informal and no official business was conducted or resolutions discussed or passed.

11:53 a.m. Called to order

To discuss at May meeting:

- UFO RMP involvement – sub-committee/sub-RAC etc.
- Gunnison Travel Management Plan, sub-committee to review, possibly Dan Morse, Jim Cochran, and Ken Emory?
- Dolores River Issues
  - Types of special management options – SMA, NCA etc
  - Presentation on Dolores River issues along with river trip
  - Possible presentation by “Dolores River Dialogue” (Koppenhafer?)

Update from Barb Sharrow, Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) Manager

- Dry Creek Travel Management Plan – Hope to start implementing plan in September
- UFO is attempting to get field office wide travel management plan completed before starting RMP revision. This would be an amendment to existing RMP.
- San Juan Travel Management Plan – No route by route decisions.
- New Administration of President Obama:

- Takes about two years to see significant change with any new administration
- Laws and policies are the same for now – they don't change overnight
- The present economy is driving changes in BLM more than the new administration
- With the Stimulus Package
  - Don't know the actual amount of dollars that will be received yet
  - The plan is to look at "shovel ready" contracts, term employees, and opportunities for plan implementations.
- Other than the Northwest District, there is no news on the other District Manager positions.

Andrea Robinsong

Would like to look at a resolution on a multiple-use mandate. Do all uses need to exist on all lands? Could we come up with a possible resolution on what we would like to see for multiple use.

In response, Barb said that the RAC should continue to focus on existing land use planning processes.

John Whitney:

- Omni-bus bill that contains the Dominguez-Escalante NCA and wilderness proposal could get passed as early as next week.
  - The Senate will not reconsider bill.
  - The House must pass the same version of the bill.

For the May meeting:

- Election of officers
- Get list of land use plans in SWRAC
- Invite more FO managers to future meetings

Next meeting at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, May 29, 2009, with a field trip on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - hopefully a river trip on the Dolores River

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.